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1. MALIK, WHO RETURNED FROM NEW YORK OCTOBER 12 AND HAD DEPARTED FOR CONFERENCE IN BALI OCTOBER 15, WAS UNAVAILABLE BOTH TO JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SUNOBE AND ME DURING HIS TWO DAYS IN JAKARTTA. HOPEFULLY HE WILL BE BACK OCTOBER 17 AND I HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT FOR THAT DATE.

2. MEANTIME, I HAVE DONE FOLLOWING:

A. I CONTACTED MALIK'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT ADHYATMAN, WHO IS ACCOMPANYING FOREIGN MINISTER TO BALI. I STRESSED MAJOR IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO FAVORABLE VOTE ON PROCEDURAL NATTERS AND NEGATIVE VOTE ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION. ADHYATMAN, WHO UNDERSTANDS OUR PROBLEM, HAS PROMISED TALK WITH MALIK ENROUTE TO BALI.

B. I TALKED WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SUNOBE, WHO IS ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT SUHARTO OCTOBER 15 TO SULAWESI CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR OPENING OF JAPANESE FINANCED SUGAR MILL. SUNOBE HAD

INSTRUCTIONS SEE MALIK BUT IN ABSENCE SUCH MEETING HAD NOT PLANNED ALTERNATIVE ACTION. I URGED HIM DISCUSS QUESTION AT LEAST WITH MINISTER OF STATE SUDHARMONO WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH PROBLEM AND WHO WILL ALSO BE ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT.

C. I HAVE MADE APPOINTMENT TO SEE POLITICAL DIRECTOR DJAJADININGRAT OCTOBER 16; HE WAS IN NEW YORK WITH MALIK.

3. REF B SUGGESTS INDONESIANS CURRENTLY FIRM ON PRIORITY ISSUE. AMBASSADOR SUNOBE TOLD ME THIS ALSO HIS IMPRESSION. CRITICAL ISSUE IS VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION. HERE WE FACE BASIC PROBLEM THAT SUCH VOTE WOULD BE CONTRARY ALL NORMAL INDONESIAN INCLINATIONS TOWARD NEUTRALITY ON SUCH MATTERS. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED, THEIR KHMER EXPERIENCE CONTINUES TO RANKLE, PARTICULARLY WITH MALIK AND SANI.

4. IF AND WHEN I DO SEE MALIK, I PLAN ARGUE ON BASIS STRONG EFFORT US EXECUTIVE BRANCH MAKING TO ASSIST INDONESIA IN FACE SERIOUS PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL RESERVATIONS. GIVEN KNOWLEDGE OF INDONESIA'S ANTI COMMUNIST STAND, WE WOULD FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT EXPLAIN NEUTRALITY ON ISSUE WHICH CLEARLY RELATED US ROLE IN ASIA(WHICH INDONESIA WANTS) AND WHICH THREATENS EXPOSE SOUTH KOREA TO THREATENING NORTH.

5. I AM PREPARED UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO REQUEST APPOINT-MENT WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO BUT I WOULD STRONGLY URGE THAT I BE GIVEN SUBJECT TO RAISE IN ADDITION TO KOREAN ISSUE SUCH AS SOLICITING HIS VIEWS ON VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE IDEAS FOR INDONESIA-US JOINT COMMISSION. BOTH CHANCES FOR AND IMPACT OF MEETING WOULD BE IMPROVED.

6. SO FAR AS THIS MISSION IS AWARE, EXCEPT FOR TALKS WITH MALIK BY SECRETARY AND HABIB, THERE HAS BEEN NO DIRECT HIGH LEVEL USUN APPROACH TO SANI. HIS VIEWS ARE INFLUENTIAL HERE AND IT IS DOUBTFUL HE WOULD BE INSTRUCTED GO COMPLETELY CONTRARY TO HIS INCLINATIONS, PARTICULARLY IF HE FEELS HE HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY CONSIDERED IN OUR LOBBYING EFFORTS. NEWSOM CONFIDENTIAL

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